

Checklist of the families Lonchopteridae and Phoridae of Finland (Insecta, Diptera)

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Abstract

A checklist of the Lonchopteridae and Phoridae recorded from Finland is presented.

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Introduction

The superfamily Phoroidea includes at least the fly families Phoridae, Lonchopteridae, and the small family Ironomyiidae known only from Australia. The flat-footed fly families Platypezidae and Opetiidae, treated in a separate paper in this volume, are placed either in their own basal superfamily Platypezoidea or included in Phoroidea (see Cumming et al. 1995, Woodley et al. 2009 and Wiegmann et al. 2011).

Lonchoptera Meigen, 1803 is the only currently recognized genus in Lonchopteridae. Five *Lonchoptera* species have been added to the Finnish fauna after the checklist of Hackman (1980) (Andersson 1991, Kahanpää 2013).

The scuttle flies (family Phoridae) may be the largest single family in Diptera. The true number of species in this family has been estimated to be over 30000, the vast majority still undescribed (Marshall 2012). The ‘megagenus’ *Megaselia* Rondani, 1856 contains about

50% of the species (Marshall 2012). Other phorid genera are relatively better known in Finland but none of them can be called well studied. It is likely that at least a hundred (or hundreds of) Finnish species remain unnoticed, most of them in *Megaselia*.

The checklist for *Megaselia* is mostly based on previously published records. The collections of Finnish Museum of Natural History (MZH) were examined by the author during the preparation of this checklist and a few obvious mistakes were taken into account. Most of the material in MZH was identified by H. Schmitz (between years 1915 and 1940) or E. Beyer (in 1958). The lists for other phorid genera are based on recently examined specimens from both MZH and private collections. Due to the difficulties encountered in identifying *Megaselia*, the list for this genus should definitely be considered preliminary. A revision of the Finnish material is sorely needed.

The Finnish species of these families were last listed by Hackman (1980).

Number of species (Lonchopteridae, Phoridae):

World: 63, 4105 species (Pape et al. 2011)

Europe: 13, 656 species

Finland: 8, ~224–234 species

Faunistic knowledge level in Finland: good, poor

Checklist

suborder Brachycera Macquart, 1834

clade Eremoneura Lameere, 1906

clade Cyclorrhapha Brauer, 1863

superfamily Phoroidea Curtis, 1833

LONCHOPTERIDAE Macquart, 1835

LONCHOPTERA Meigen, 1803

= *Dipsa* Fallén, 1810

Lonchoptera bifurcata (Fallén, 1810)

= *furcata* (Fallén, 1823)

Lonchoptera fallax de Meijere, 1906

Lonchoptera impicta Zetterstedt, 1848

Lonchoptera lutea Panzer, 1809

Lonchoptera meijerei Collin, 1938

Lonchoptera nigrociliata Duda, 1927

Lonchoptera nitidifrons Strobl, 1898

Lonchoptera scutellata Stein, 1890

PHORIDAE Curtis, 1833

AENIGMATIAS Meinert, 1890

Aenigmatias lubbockii (Verrall, 1877)

ANEVRINA Lioy, 1864*Anevrina thoracica* (Meigen, 1804)*Anevrina unispinosa* (Zetterstedt, 1860)= *fennica* (Becker, 1901)*Anevrina urbana* (Meigen, 1830)**BOROPHAGA** Enderlein, 1924*Borophaga agilis* (Meigen, 1830)*Borophaga carinifrons* (Zetterstedt, 1848)*Borophaga femorata* (Meigen, 1830)*Borophaga incrassata* (Meigen, 1830)*Borophaga subsultans* (Linnaeus, 1767)= *okellyi* Schmitz, 1937**CHAETOPLEUROPHORA** Schmitz, 1922*Chaetopleurophora erythronota* (Strobl, 1892)*Chaetopleurophora spinosissima* (Strobl, 1892)**CONICERA** Meigen, 1830*Conicera dauci* (Meigen, 1830)= *atra* Meigen, 1830*Conicera floricola* Schmitz, 1938= *similis* auct. nec (Haliday, 1833)= *minuscule* Schmitz, 1953*Conicera schnittmanni* Schmitz, 1926*Conicera similis* (Haliday, 1833)= *pauxilla* Schmitz, 1920? *Conicera tarsalis* Schmitz, 1920*Conicera tibialis* Schmitz, 1925= *fallens* Schmitz, 1948**DIPLONEVRA** Lioy, 1864= *Diploneura* emend.*Diploneura florescens* (Turton, 1801)= *florea* (Fabricius, 1794) preocc.= *abdominalis* (Fallén, 1823)*Diploneura concinna* (Meigen, 1830)*Diploneura freyi* Schmitz, 1927*Diploneura funebris* (Meigen, 1830)= *rostralis* (Schmitz, 1918)*Diploneura glabra* Schmitz, 1927= *parcepilosa* Schmitz, 1927*Diploneura nitidula* (Meigen, 1830)*Diploneura oldenbergi* Schmitz, 1920**DOHRNIPHORA** Dahl, 1898*Dohrniphora cornuta* (Bigot, 1857)**GYMNOPHORA** Macquart, 1835

Gymnophora arcuata (Meigen, 1830)

Gymnophora healeya Disney, 1980

Gymnophora nigripennis Schmitz, 1926

Gymnophora quartomollis Schmitz, 1920

HYPOCERA Lioy, 1864

Hypocera mordellaria (Fallén, 1823)

MEGASELIA Rondani, 1856

= *Aphiochaeta* Brues, 1903

= *Plastophora* Brues, 1905

Megaselia aequalis (Wood, 1909)

Megaselia affinis (Wood, 1909)

= *proxima* (Lundbeck, 1920)

Megaselia albicaudata (Wood, 1910)

Megaselia albiclava (Schmitz, 1926)

Megaselia altifrons (Wood, 1909)

Megaselia analis (Lundbeck, 1920)

? *Megaselia angelicae* (Wood, 1910)

Megaselia angularis (Schmitz, 1924)

Megaselia angusta (Wood, 1909)

= *angustata* emend.

= *pulicaria* auct. nec (Fallén, 1923)

Megaselia annulipes (Schmitz, 1921)

Megaselia armata (Wood, 1909)

Megaselia atrosericea Schmitz, 1927

Megaselia auricoma Schmitz, 1927

Megaselia baltica (Schmitz, 1924)

Megaselia barbulata (Wood, 1909)

= *depilata* (Lundbeck, 1921)

? *Megaselia basispinata* (Lundbeck, 1920)

Megaselia basiveluta Schmitz, 1935

Megaselia beckeri (Wood, 1909)

= *laticrus* Schmitz, 1927

Megaselia berndseni (Schmitz, 1919)

= *pygmaeoides* (Lundbeck, 1921)

Megaselia bovista (Gimmerthal, 1848)

Megaselia brevicostalis (Wood, 1910)

Megaselia breviseta (Wood, 1912)

Megaselia breviterga (Lundbeck, 1920)

= *similata* (Lundbeck, 1921)

Megaselia campestris (Wood, 1908)

Megaselia ciliata (Zetterstedt, 1848)

Megaselia cinereifrons (Strobl, 1910)

Megaselia clara (Schmitz, 1921)

Megaselia coetanea Schmitz, 1929
Megaselia coccyx Schmitz, 1965
? *Megaselia collini* (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia conformis (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia costalis (von Roser, 1840)
Megaselia curvivenia Schmitz, 1928
Megaselia dahli (Becker, 1901)
Megaselia discreta (Wood, 1909)
 = *nudiventris* (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia diversa (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia dubitalis (Wood, 1908)
Megaselia eccoptomera Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia eisfelderae Schmitz, 1948
Megaselia elongata (Wood, 1914)
Megaselia erecta (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia exarcuata Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia excavata Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia excorticata Disney, 2009
Megaselia fennicola Beyer, 1958
Megaselia flammula Schmitz, 1928
Megaselia flava (Fallén, 1823)
Megaselia flavicoxa (Zetterstedt, 1848)
Megaselia fumata (Malloch, 1909)
Megaselia funeralis Schmitz, 1928
Megaselia fungivora (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia fusca (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia fuscipalpis (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia fuscoides Schmitz, 1934
Megaselia fuscovariana Schmitz, 1933
Megaselia giraudii (Egger, 1862)
Megaselia glabrifrons (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia groenlandica (Lundbeck, 1901)
Megaselia halterata (Wood, 1910)
 = *plurispinosa* (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia hectochaeta Schmitz, 1974
Megaselia hilaris Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia hirsuta (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia hirticaudata (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia hirticrus (Schmitz, 1918)
Megaselia humeralis (Zetterstedt, 1838)
 = *cubitalis* (Becker, 1901)
Megaselia hyalipennis (Wood, 1912)
Megaselia infrapospita (Wood, 1909)

Megaselia ignobilis (Schmitz, 1919)
Megaselia intonsa Schmitz, 1948
Megaselia involuta (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia latifemorata (Becker, 1901)
Megaselia limburgensis (Schmitz, 1918)
Megaselia longicostalis (Wood, 1912)
Megaselia longifurca (Lundbeck, 1921)
 = *spinolabella* Disney, 1989
Megaselia longipalpis (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia longiseta (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia lucifrons (Schmitz, 1918)
 = *subnitida* (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia luminifrons (Schmitz, 1926)
Megaselia lutea (Meigen, 1830)
Megaselia major (Wood, 1912)
Megaselia mallochi (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia manicata (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia maura (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia meconicera (Speiser, 1925)
Megaselia meigeni (Becker, 1901)
? *Megaselia miki* Schmitz, 1929
Megaselia minor (Zetterstedt, 1848)
 = *angustifrons* (Wood, 1912)
Megaselia minuta (Aldrich, 1892)
 = *luminosa* Schmitz, 1952
Megaselia mixta (Schmitz, 1918)
Megaselia nasoni (Malloch, 1914)
 = *coaequalis* (Schmitz, 1919)
Megaselia nigra (Meigen, 1830)
 = *albidihalteralis* (Felt, 1896)
Megaselia nigriceps (Loew, 1866)
 = *projecta* (Becker, 1901)
Megaselia nigripalpis (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia nudipleura (Beyer, 1958)
Megaselia obscuripennis (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia offuscata (Schmitz, 1921)
Megaselia opacicornis Schmitz, 1949
Megaselia parnassia Disney, 1986
Megaselia parva (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia pectoralis (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia pectunculata Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia picta (Lehmann, 1822)
Megaselia pleuralis (Wood, 1909)

- Megaselia plurispinulosa* (Zetterstedt, 1860)
Megaselia posticata (Strobl, 1898)
Megaselia praeacuta (Schmitz, 1919)
Megaselia prodroma (Lundbeck, 1921)
Megaselia producta (Schmitz, 1921)
 = *sordescens* auct. nec Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia propinqua (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia pubecula Schmitz, 1927
Megaselia pulicaria (Fallén, 1923)
 = *sinuata* Schmitz, 1926
Megaselia pumila (Meigen, 1830)
 = *atripes* (Brues, 1915)
Megaselia pusilla (Meigen, 1830)
Megaselia pygmaea (Zetterstedt, 1848)
Megaselia quadriseta (Schmitz, 1918)
 = *badia* Schmitz, 1938
? *Megaselia raetica* Schmitz, 1934
Megaselia robertsoni Disney, 2008
Megaselia robusta Schmitz, 1928
Megaselia rubricornis (Schmitz, 1919)
Megaselia rudis (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia ruficornis (Meigen, 1830)
Megaselia rufipes (Meigen, 1804)
Megaselia scalaris (Loew, 1866)
Megaselia scutellaris (Wood, 1909)
 = *scutellariformis* (Schmitz, 1926)
Megaselia sepulchralis (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia setulipalpis Schmitz, 1938
Megaselia sordida (Zetterstedt, 1838)
 = *eminens* Schmitz, 1953
 = *semiscaura* Schmitz, 1927
? *Megaselia specularis* Schmitz, 1935
Megaselia spinicincta (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia spinigera (Wood, 1908)
Megaselia styloprocta (Schmitz, 1921)
Megaselia subcarpalis (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia subpalpalis (Lundbeck, 1920)
Megaselia subpleuralis (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia subtumida (Wood, 1909)
Megaselia sulphuripes (Meigen, 1830)
Megaselia superciliata (Wood, 1910)
Megaselia superfurcata Schmitz, 1928
Megaselia sylvatica (Wood, 1910)

- = *impolluta* (Schmitz, 1920)
- Megaselia tarsalis* (Wood, 1910)
- Megaselia tenuiventris* Schmitz, 1927
- Megaselia tignorum* Disney, 2009
- Megaselia tumida* (Wood, 1909)
- = *setifer* Lundbeck, 1920
- Megaselia unicolor* (Schmitz, 1919)
- Megaselia valvata* Schmitz, 1935
- Megaselia variana* Schmitz, 1926
- Megaselia vestita* (Wood, 1914)
- Megaselia winqvisti* Disney, 2011
- Megaselia woodi* (Lundbeck, 1922)
- Megaselia xanthozona* (Strobl, 1892)
- = *euryprocta* Schmitz, 1957
- Megaselia zonata* (Zetterstedt, 1838)
- MENOZZIOLA** Schmitz, 1927
- Menozziola obscuripes* (Schmitz, 1927)
- METOPINA** Macquart, 1835
- Metopina galeata* (Haliday, 1833)
- = *inaequalis* Schmitz, 1927
- Metopina oligoneura* (Mik, 1867)
- Metopina pileata* Schmitz, 1936
- MICROSELIA** Schmitz, 1934
- Microselia forsiusi* (Schmitz, 1927)
- PHALACROTOPHORA** Enderlein, 1912
- Phalacrotophora berlinensis* Schmitz, 1920
- Phalacrotophora beuki* Disney in Disney & Beuk, 1997
- Phalacrotophora fasciata* (Fallén, 1823)
- PHORA** Latreille, 1796
- = **Trineura** Meigen, 1803
- Phora artifrons* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora atra* (Meigen, 1804)
- = *aterrima* (Fabricius, 1794) preocc.
- Phora bullata* Schmitz, 1927
- Phora convallium* Schmitz, 1928
- Phora convergens* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora dubia* (Zetterstedt, 1848)
- = *schineri* (Becker, 1901)
- Phora edentata* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora hamata* Schmitz, 1927
- Phora holosericea* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora hyperborea* Schmitz, 1927
- Phora obscura* (Zetterstedt, 1848)
- Phora occidentata* Malloch, 1912

- = *zetterstedti* Schmitz, 1927
- Phora penicillata* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora praepandens* Schmitz, 1927
- Phora pubipes* Schmitz, 1920
- Phora stictica* Meigen, 1830
- Phora tinctoria* Schmitz, 1920
- PLECTANOCNEMA** Schmitz, 1926
- Plectanocnema nudipes* (Becker, 1901)
- PSEUDACTEON** Coquillett, 1907
- Pseudacteon fennicus* Schmitz, 1927
- Pseudacteon formicarum* (Verrall, 1877)
- SPINIPHORA** Malloch, 1909
- Spiniphora bergenstammi* Mik, 1864
- Spiniphora dorsalis* (Becker, 1901)
- Spiniphora excisa* (Becker, 1901)
- Spiniphora maculata* (Meigen, 1830)
- = *helicivora* (Dufour, 1841)
- TRIPHLEBA** Rondani, 1856
- = **Citrango** Schmitz, 1924
- Triphleba admirabilis* Schmitz, 1927
- ? *Triphleba aequalis* (Schmitz, 1919)
- ? *Triphleba autumnalis* (Becker, 1901)
- Triphleba bicornuta* (Strobl, 1910)
- = *uncinata* (Schmitz, 1918)
- Triphleba citreiformis* (Becker, 1901)
- Triphleba distinguenda* (Strobl, 1892)
- = *unicalcarata* (Becker, 1901)
- Triphleba excisa* (Lundbeck, 1921)
- Triphleba gracilis* (Wood, 1907)
- Triphleba hyalinata* (Meigen, 1830)
- ? *Triphleba inaequalis* Schmitz, 1943
- Triphleba intermedia* (Malloch, 1908)
- Triphleba lugubris* (Meigen, 1830)
- Triphleba luteifemorata* (Wood, 1906)
- Triphleba nudipalpis* (Becker, 1901)
- Triphleba opaca* (Meigen, 1830)
- Triphleba pachyneurella* (Schmitz, 1919)
- Triphleba palposa* (Zetterstedt, 1848)
- Triphleba renidens* Schmitz, 1927
- Triphleba subcompleta* Schmitz, 1927
- Triphleba trinervis* (Becker, 1901)
- VERUANUS** Schmitz, 1927
- Veruanus oldenbergi* Schmitz, 1919
- = *memorabilis* Schmitz, 1927

Excluded species

- Megaselia cirriventris* Schmitz, 1929 mistake?
Megaselia crassipes (Wood, 1909) misidentified
Megaselia digitalis Schmitz, 1957 mistake?
Megaselia indifferens (Lundbeck, 1920) not found within present borders
Megaselia lapponica Schmitz, 1928 not found within present borders
Megaselia luteipes (Schmitz, 1918) misidentified
Megaselia palmeni (Becker, 1901) not found within present borders
Megaselia septentrionalis (Schmitz, 1919) not found within present borders
Megaselia simulans (Wood, 1912) not found within present borders ?
Triphleba gilvipes Schmitz, 1943 not found within present borders

Notes

- Conicera tarsalis*, *Megaselia collini*.** Records of these species are based on single females identified by H. Schmitz.
- Megaselia basispinata*, *M. miki*, *M. raetica*.** Species recorded from Finland by Hackman (1980) and Disney (1991) but no Finnish specimens or published records with details could be located.
- Megaselia cirriventris*, *M. digitalis*.** These species were recorded from ‘Fennia’ and ‘Lapland’ by Schmitz (1958), but all specimens listed are from the Abisko region in northern Sweden. It seems likely that Schmitz erroneously assigned the material from Swedish Lapland to Finland.
- Megaselia luteipes*.** Examined specimens belong to *Megaselia* sp. not *luteipes* (females) (Espoo, leg. W. Hackman) and possibly *Megaselia* sp. 24 of Disney (2013) (Finland, Muonio, leg. J. Sahlberg and Russia, Kola, Kantalahti, leg. R. Frey).
- Megaselia pulicaria* agg.** This difficult complex of species was revised by Disney (1999). The Finnish material has not been re-examined. The Finnish species involved are *M. angusta*, *M. costalis*, *M. longicostalis*, *M. longifurca*, *M. pulicaria*, *M. subtumida* and *M. tumida*.
- Megaselia simulans*.** Recorded only(?) from Kuusamo, a municipality split between Finland and Russia in 1944. Most records preceding the split are from the Russian side. No material was found in MZH.
- Megaselia specularis*.** Recorded, with some doubt, from Finland by Hackman (1963). No material could be found in MZH.
- Triphleba aequalis*.** Schmitz (1943) mention a Finnish male stored in MZH, but no such specimen could be found.
- Triphleba autumnalis*, *T. inaequalis*.** Finnish according to Disney (1991), but no specimens or detailed records could be located.

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